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ABBOTSFORD, B.C., Thursday, Dec.

## Old Resident Passes Away.

The death occurred early last Thursday morning of a well known and highly respected resident of Clayburn when Mr. Thomas Truesdale succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Truesdale was born in England fifty years ago and came to Canada as a young man living in Ontario until 1913 when the family moved to British Columbia. The funeral held Sunday afternoon from his late home in Clayburn was very largely attended, the brethren of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Orange Lodge with their companion orders being present in large numbers to pay their last respects to a faithful and devoted brother, who had held many offices in their orders. The Rev. A. H. Priest conducted the service at the house and graveside and Messrs Ireland and Peachy carried through the last rites of the I. O. O. F. The pallbearers, all Oddfellows, included Messrs. McKay, A. Morrow, H. Brown, J. Bullock, E. Ireland and H. Stevens. Mr. Truesdale is survived by his sorrowing widow and three children, Mrs. John Silvers and Mr. Nelson Truesdale at home, and Miss Marie Truesdale of Vancouver.

## Sumas Land Owners Launch Petition

Members of the Sumas Lake Land Owners' association met on Saturday last in Whatecom road hall and passed with a few revisions, a petition prepared by the committee to be presented to the Provincial government after it has been circulated. The application requests the government relieve the Sumas dyking district of the Vedder river diversion cost and maintenance and so to take over the lake lands and credit the value of these lands on the clamation assessment. The petitioners claim justification for this relief on the fact that they were given to stand the reclamation work worth of approximately \$1,800,000 instead of nearly \$3,000,000, the sum being paid them.

The fisheries department on December 24 district No. 10 with the Fraser river, to salmon nets having a mesh of 6 in. The sion measurement and a prescribed regular weekly close set above and below the New Wapiti bridge and below the New Wapiti bridge will be in effect. The river, and steelheads are runneth of allowance it is with the object of allowing the fishermen to fish the present action January 1, 1924, is being taken.

## REPORT

Div. I, at 95 per cent  
Div. II, at 90 per cent  
Div. III, at 85 per cent  
Div. IV, at 80 per cent  
Div. V, at 75 per cent  
Div. VI, at 70 per cent  
Div. VII, at 65 per cent  
Div. VIII, at 60 per cent  
Div. IX, at 55 per cent  
Div. X, at 50 per cent  
Div. XI, at 45 per cent  
Div. XII, at 40 per cent  
Div. XIII, at 35 per cent  
Div. XIV, at 30 per cent  
Div. XV, at 25 per cent  
Div. XVI, at 20 per cent  
Div. XVII, at 15 per cent  
Div. XVIII, at 10 per cent  
Div. XIX, at 5 per cent  
Div. XX, at 0 per cent

Mr. Frank Parton of Hammond spent his Christmas at his home here.

The Christmas Day services at St. Matthew's church were well attended.

Mr. E. Scottold and Mr. Jack McLean are the guests of Mr. J. A. McGowan.

## Aldergrove Customs Confiscate Dodge Car

For failing to report to the immigration authorities upon his entry into the province, and suspected of being engaged in smuggling liquor into the arid territory of the States, an American motorist giving the name of H. Meaker of Bellingham lost a Dodge roadster recently when it was seized by Customs Officers Sam Campbell and Harry Beetlestone on the international boundary at South Aldergrove. For some time the officers suspected that the car was being used in running liquor and recently they had reason to believe that it had been driven across the line, although it is understood that the driver did not report his entry. Upon investigation the car and driver were discovered. As soon as the driver became aware of the presence of the officers, he bolted and was soon lost in the darkness, leaving the car in the middle of the road. The machine was searched, but no trace of liquor could be found. It is thought that if the driver had come up for a load of liquor, he was still waiting for his supply when surprised by the officers.

J. Dobson disposed of his hotel to P. Murphy and H. Jones and has left for California. The store will be operated by his sons.

Both Barry Nascou and his sister are now in the Westminster general hospital, after a former meeting with an accident. Whitehead a few weeks ago and Nascou experiencing a mishap on Yale road when the car in which was traveling collided with another. From April 1 to November 30, a total of 4861 American cars entered the province, through the South Aldergrove port in charge of Sam Campbell and H. Beetlestone, while 4483 cleared on the return trip to the States. During the same time 2026 Canadian cars checked in while 2293 were cleared out. Illustrating the tremendous increase in the traffic that has been experienced in recent years, in 1914 for the same length of time 91 American cars entered through the port, while 44 cleared out, and 82 Canadian cars left the province and 46 returned.

Elks have contributed about two tons of produce to the Westminster lodge to fill hampers sent to deserving families. Candies, nuts and goodies have been sent to various schools in the district and every case of genuine need has been attended to in the district.

Apologies to the B. and K. Milling company for overlooking them in our business directory last week. We are sure Mr. Marshall will forgive the omission.

Mrs. York and family of Whatecom road are confined to bed with quinsy.

## GOOD-BY, OLD YEAR

Good-by, Old Year, good-by,  
I bid you farewell tonight,  
And I watch you go with a bit of a sigh,  
But my heart is strangely light.  
For in my hands I hold  
The treasures you brought to me,  
Gifts more precious than wrought  
gold  
Or gems from a tropic sea

A friendship proven true,  
A hard task fairly done,  
And a love which lives to bloom and  
With the light every sun.  
And you bear away, Old Year,  
In your garments of trailing whisps are  
An old regret and the ghost of a fear,  
As you vanish from me tonight.

Good-by, Old Year, good-by!  
Smiling I watch you go;  
We have been good comrades, you and I,  
But you cannot stay, I know, a minute  
The New Year stands at the door, a minute  
Her promises fair I hear, a minute  
But still I linger to say once more, a minute  
Good-by, good-by, Old Year.

## Schools in Pleasing Entertainment

A well rendered concert marked the closing of local schools last week for a two weeks holiday. It was given in the Harrop hall on Thursday to an appreciative audience numbering about four hundred. Mr. P. Hughes, in a few remarks, explained the objective of the entertainment other than to finance purchase of equipment for the school, was to develop poise and confidence in the children, very necessary traits, said the speaker in the work of life.

The children displayed thorough training and pleasing originality in several of the acts, the program of which included the following:

Dialogue, "The Good Little Girl," Div. I; King Wencelas, Div. III; Recitation, Grace Hutchison; Girl's Wand Drill, Div. IV; song, Div. V; Dialogue, "Pa Plays Football," Div. II; Duet, two boys of Div. III; Girl's drill and song, Div. VI; Dialogue, "Tom Sawyer," Div. I; Song, girls of Div. III; Boy's chorus, Div. VI; Girl's drill, Div. I; song, "The New Invention," Div. II; Boy's song, Div. IV; Holly drill, Div. V; Dialogue, "Mrs. Mason's Poodle," Div. I; Song, Misses Walters, Div. I; Recitation, Wesley Hay of Div. I; Ghost drill, Div. III; Song, Miss Hunt's Class, Div. V; "Oh Canada," school.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Robinson and little daughter Joyce of Gleichen, Alta are the guests of Mrs. Robinson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. West, Yale road over the Holiday season.



Freckles Barry and Clara Horton in Marshall Neilan's 'Penrod'

## NEWS

### Taking Chances

Most of the Accidents at Level Crossings Said to be Avoidable

Investigations made by railway companies in the United States have shown that most of the accidents at level railway crossings of which motorists are the victims are avoidable. The Canadian Board of Railway Commissioners has come to a similar conclusion. An examination of thirty-eight cases of motor accidents at protected crossings, showed that all but one were due to carelessness. In twenty of the cases, the drivers did not heed the stop signals; six ran into lowered gates; four passed on the wrong side and the remainder ran into gates while these were being raised or lowered.

According to the board, these accidents are on the increase. Notwithstanding safety devices and cautionary signals, the board says, people take chances and disregard safety. Perhaps it is to some extent because of the development and multiplication of safety devices that people are inclined to take chances—people learn to trust too much to such devices and so become careless.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

### Just One

The young man approached the father of his sweetheart with the request to marry her. Can you support a family?" the old man asked. "Heavens!" the indignant suitor replied, "I only asked for the girl."—Judge.

"Why were you exceeding the speed limit?" "Judge, I was taking a friend to the station." "Guess I can't fine you then. We are told to speed the parting guest."—Judge.

Venus is in about the same state of development that the world was one hundred million to a thousand million years ago.

## Dominion Premiers

### Review Fleet

See the Greatest Assemblage of Warships Since 1914

In the grey mists of early November the dominion premiers reviewed the Atlantic fleet. There was the greatest assemblage of warships off Spithead since the royal review of 1914; and as the fleet steamed out to sea the long line from the first submarine to the last battleship stretched nearly 15 miles. It is significant of naval developments, too, that not one of the vessels present at the 1914 review was there.

The dominions party, accompanied by Col. L. C. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, left London by special train for Portsmouth, where they embarked on the steamer Princess Margaret, a former Canadian Pacific Railway boat, which had been converted to a mine layer. The fleet was anchored off Spithead in seven lines. The Princess Margaret steamed down the lines and back. She passed the Queen Elizabeth, on which the German officers signed the surrender of their high seas fleet. She passed the battleships Barham, Warspite, Malaya and Valiant, all of which fought in the battle of Jutland. She steamed on past the huge battle cruisers, Hood and Repulse, which will soon begin their tour of the empire, past light cruisers, destroyers, submarines, warships and all types to that strangest looking of all, the aircraft carrier.

As the steamer, Margaret, slipped down the lines her wireless crackled with greeting from the premier of Canada to four young Canadian midshipmen, who began in the Canadian naval service and are now serving with the Resolution. One of the four is Premier King's nephew, Nelson Lay, of Barrie. Within a few minutes a message came back: "Canadian midshipmen aboard the Resolution very much appreciate kind message from Canada's premier." A little later also came a wireless greeting to Premier King from Lieut.-Commander Nelles, another Canadian, serving with the light cruiser, Caledon, to which Premier King replied with "cordial thanks."

## Easterners Reverence Age

No Young Person Can Hold Public Position in Eastern Countries

Quickly chosen as it is now commonly called, youth does not hold the reins. Youth is kept back from public position and age and maturity are treated with profound reverence and respect. Men and women are complimented upon their venerable and aged appearance rather than upon their youth and beauty. In nearly all eastern countries the laws of the land are made by the oldest people, and a young, ambitious man cannot be endured. It is only within a very few years that a man under sixty was considered of sufficient age to be capable of making laws or judging them. A change, however, seems to be coming gradually and youth will eventually assume the reins according to indications.

## Chinese Use Wheelbarrows

Freight and Passengers Are Transported Many Miles by Coolies

China is said to be awakening. If that be so, it must be just a preliminary rawn and stretch. A recently returned traveller says: Almost all the freight in Tsinanfu, a walled city of 300,000 inhabitants at the land end of the Shantung railway, in China, is moved in wheelbarrows. Some of the loads are thus conveyed distances of 15 to 20 miles a day. Wheelbarrows also handle passenger traffic. "My lady" frequently returns from her shopping tours with her bundles on one side and herself on the other. Half a dozen people may ride in front of a puffing and perspiring coolie. The wheel is in the centre of the barrow, which aids in balancing the load. If it is unusually heavy, another man or boy helps to pull by means of a rope or strap thrown across his shoulders. In a very few instances a mule is the assistant, but it requires a man to lead the mule.

Some people refuse to take physical exercise for their health because it doesn't come in bottles.

Knowledge acquired by the college graduate often hampers him in his efforts to earn a living.



Mr. White Rabbit was smiling

Mr. White Rabbit received a message. "Hello!" he said, and then in a loud voice spoke into the mouthpiece. "Hello!" he said; but there was no reply. He tried again, "Hello!" Still silence, "Hello! Hello!"



"Hello!" he tried, and this time a faint voice was heard in reply. "Hello! Who is that?" "Mr. White Rabbit," answered the end. "Oh, Uncle Timothy," called the voice. "I'm glad to hear from you. I'm up in the woods at the top of the hill. I can't leave, because there is a mean old hunter out with a gun waiting for me. I'm really so frightened. Can't you come and help me?"



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Christmas Dream" promise a very fine  
entertainment. It will be given in  
the Presbyterian church Tuesday even-  
ing December 18. About 70 singers  
and actors in costume will present a  
pageant of rare beauty, representing  
the nativity of Jesus Christ.

## Property

In re-  
poration  
Owners' meet-  
ing and or too unpleasant for her, was  
tary Thorn stated appearances perfectly happy.  
tion of Abbotsford in Dr. Sutherland first advised  
adults, and 161 child-  
he did not fear the loneliness of  
der voting age—a toy life.  
was the informat-  
census of the towns-  
You see, Margaret Anne, when  
body knows embrow has been under someone's eye  
160 acres. Of count night for years, as I have  
persons reside near  
with no one near but the family,  
the town, and consi-  
dents of the town, enough to last me all my life,  
lation of this qu you."

By embracing the mad before how deeply the feel-  
ing territory ad-  
within a reasonable  
Abbotsford has an  
dent population oas so sure that could his physical  
rural population t-  
furd is estimated to-  
I did not mention the matter

After a strenu-  
trymen were vic-  
the passing of t Murray—miraculously became  
which was given i-  
Friday in the Pro-  
eggs entering B. C. s. But I could see that he was  
ed with the namally growing stronger, and that  
origin.

## Basketball

Mission basket-  
Abbotsford aggrega-  
ould wake in the morning with a  
ing results: inter-  
the shadow of a dream.

Abbotsford 22; see children, too, were happy as a  
Abbotsford 18; see They had always been accus-  
39, Mission 28. Hope afforded many opportuni-  
The Fraser Valley for new and fascinating pursuits.  
is making a trace in a while Nicolas gave evi-  
year with Abbot-  
Chilliwaack repres-  
t when, long after the children  
the Association gone to bed, I heard a smothered  
president; M. try of "Mother," and going into their  
P. A. Hughes, Nicolas crying quietly to herself in  
lowing is the s-  
Dec. 10 to 15 "I w-w-want to go to my own  
house," she sobbed. "It's so d-d-dark  
Intermediate Here and the trees come too close and  
2; Chilliwaack S d-d-don't like lamps and w-w-water  
At Abbotsfor "But you have Daddy and Mother  
Intermediate Band Rupert and Carrie and Star and  
Dec. 17 to Stockings and the chickens," I remind-  
botsford Girls her as I picked her up and dried  
her wet little face. "You must be a  
diateB; Abbotsrave girl and help Mother to take  
Dec. 17 to care of everything, for the farm is  
going to make Daddy better, so that  
At Sardis—he'll not have to go to the hospital  
Mission Senior again."

1 vs Chilliwaack "He c-c-couldn't, 'cause there isn't  
any hospital," was the somewhat choked  
Jan. 7 to any reply, "there's just t-t-trees and  
ford Intermed-trees and no people."

ior B 2. "But you like trees," I said, "if  
there were no trees where would the  
birds and the squirrels live?"  
At Chilliwa Intermediate  
Intermediate  
Mission Senior  
ior B 1. "The poor little b-b-birdies will get  
all wet and drowned!" wailed Nicolas.  
"I don't like the rain, Mother,  
I w-w-want to go back to my own  
house!"

The sun was shining in the morning  
and Nicolas was her usual happy self  
again as daylight brought anew to her  
mind the superiority of horses and  
chickens over electric light, nor did  
she ever again give way to her feel-  
ings with such violence.

Turkeys a-  
this Christm  
past according Perhaps I talked to Nicolas too  
much in those first days, but she was  
so wise and old-fashioned in many  
ways that I thought it best to take her  
into my confidence. So I told her  
price was how necessary it was for us to stay on  
high until a-  
the farm, and her adoration of her  
mas, with the  
Daddy drove the lesson home.

"But I don't like the trees when they  
did not buy b-  
make the wind blow," she insisted af-  
left with thout-  
we had discussed every other  
of which wer-  
point, "they go 'oo-oo-oo' like a wolf,  
and maybe if a wolf did come we  
half prices, b-  
would not hear him."

"And there are no wolves here, dar-  
that an efforting," I said, after I had explained that  
the remainder-  
It was the blowing of the wind that  
made the trees toss and not the toss-  
very low Ping of the trees that made the wind  
local butch-  
blow.

situation wi-  
the surprising reply. "He says there  
only fresh po-  
are wolves like Red Riding Hood's in  
more reason-  
those big Christmas trees across the  
from 35 cent-  
creek. Can wolves swim, Mother?"

I am not aggressively modern as a  
family is pre-  
cule, but I should like to pros-  
scribe sev-  
a turkey or  
eral of the old-fashioned nursery tales  
prices are lik-  
bat make so deep an impression on  
birds just pr-  
the sensitive mind of a child. Both  
the twins had insatiable appetites for  
-  
stories, and from other children, and  
Mr. E. A. from the woman who used to keep  
ward watch  
hem when I went out, they had heard  
ome that I should never have told  
them. I had thought that a much  
Granville St. bridged rendering of "Mooswa" and  
-  
the "Jungle Book" had displaced Red  
Mrs. A. A. J. Hood, but it was now evident  
that the earlier impression was still  
strong.

I did my best to convince Nicolas  
-  
of the improbability of there being  
evolves in the bush across the creek,  
and of their harmless habits even if  
weight in th-  
Saturdays

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there should be an occasional one.  
But it was Jim Cameron who really  
set her mind at rest. Belief in her  
mother's infallibility was strong in  
Nicolas, but she had the truly femi-  
line faith in a man's superior knowl-  
edge. And so when "Mr. Jim Camer-  
on" told her that he had never seen a  
wolf on her Daddy's farm she was sat-  
isfied, and as eager as the rest of us  
to explore the corner of the homestead  
that lay across the creek. We would  
have to wait until the early winter  
brought ice strong enough to carry us,  
for, though narrow, the creek was  
fairly deep and I, with the prairie-born  
dread of water, did not take kindly to  
the thought of a raft or a felled tree.  
When winter came, Murray promised  
us, we would build a foot-bridge.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

As I have said, we saw little of our  
neighbors for the first month. The  
Cameron brothers were the exception,  
and they were a host in themselves.  
Bob proved to be older, quieter and not  
so red-haired as Jim, but he was  
equally friendly and equally appreci-  
ative of my cooking. He had been  
overseas with the 10th Battalion, and  
he and Murray quickly reached the  
"do you remember" stage and soon  
became rather more than mere ac-  
quaintances.

Bob is a fine fellow I'll admit,  
steady and dependable and thoughtful.  
But I shall always have a soft spot in  
my heart for the more exuberant Jim,  
my first friend. From the beginning  
he attached himself to me and the  
twins, and Murray ha always laugh-  
ed at his devotion. But I do not mind  
being laughed at, the id's heart is in-  
flamable in reality a his hair is in  
appearance, but he as one of the  
most cheerful temperaments I have  
ever known; and he vi do anything  
for a person he like. We soon  
learned that Jim had a serious side  
too; and when we ask his opinion  
on anything we thought of doing, he  
was as matter-of-fact as I, and his  
advice always proved to be worth fol-  
lowing.

We were indeed fortunate to have  
such friends, and I found ways in  
which to repay a part of their kind-  
ness. Since as boys of teen and  
eighteen they had come est they  
had "bached", and their affection  
of a woman's home-making ability  
was truly pathetic. They s-  
to think that the darling of a th-  
cornered tear in a Sunday suit, or a gift  
of a cake or some home-made-  
was of much greater importance  
than their saving us from the mistak-  
we should have been certain to mak-  
ad they not helped us.

(To be continued)

## World Cruise of British Squadron

Will Visit B.C. Coast in June and  
Canadian Atlantic Ports in  
August

The British Admiralty has issued  
the programme for the forthcoming  
world cruise in which the battleship  
Hood and Repulse and a light cruiser  
division will take part.

The squadron will leave Devon-  
port, November 27, and will proceed  
sometimes at full strength and some-  
times in divisions, around Africa, call-  
ing at the principal ports. Thence  
they will go to Ceylon, Straits Settle-  
ments, Australia and Fiji.

The light cruisers will arrive at  
Esquimalt on June 21, and will stay  
there 12 days, while the battle cruis-  
ers will put in an identical period at  
Vancouver and Victoria.

The entire squadron will then go to  
San Francisco, after which the light  
cruisers will steam around South Amer-  
ica, calling at the chief seaports.

In the meantime the battle cruisers  
will pass through the Panama Canal  
and after a visit to Jamaica, will ar-  
rive at Halifax on August 5, remaining  
there 10 days. A 14 days' stay will  
be made at Quebec beginning August  
18, and Nova Scotia or Newfoundland  
will be visited from September 4 to 17.  
The battle cruisers will afterwards re-  
join the light cruiser division, and the  
squadron will make home ports on  
September 28.

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the Caspian Sea, an unusual pheno-  
menon in oil wells was noticed recent-  
ly near Baku. A geyser suddenly  
began erupting from the sea, two  
miles off the coast, and during two  
hours of activity spurted at a height  
of 70 ft., throwing off stones as well as  
oil. The eruption was accompanied  
by flames. A small island formed  
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## The Restless Age

Estimating the travellers on the  
hundreds of railroads north of the Rio  
Grande, and the thousands who travel  
by motor car, it will be found that a  
good proportion of the 118,000,000 peo-  
ple who live in the United States and  
Canada are going somewhere all the  
time. This is indeed a restless age.

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## For The Canadian Mother

Problems of Maternal and Infant Welfare Need Attention

It is a matter of interest to note the relative esteem in which Canadians hold increase of Canadian population by immigration and increase by natural processes. Although everywhere lip service is given to the principle of healthy increase of Canadian population by natural processes we find, if we consider our position frankly and from a detached viewpoint, that we are actually bending more effort to attract outsiders to our country than to the more important duty of making it possible for our own Canadian families to increase in healthy normality. Federal appropriations for the promotion of immigration projects are a great deal larger than the combined provincial appropriations for the conservation of health—a fact for which no one but the people of Canada themselves are to blame.

Important as our immigration problems are, it is undoubtedly more important that our problems of maternal and infant welfare be given full, immediate and continuous attention. In the first place we find that our maternal death-rate, although lower than that of the United States, is higher than that of England and Wales, higher than that of Norway, higher than that of a good number of countries which have given serious thought to the welfare of their citizen mothers. Our Canadian maternal deaths for 1922 were more in number than similar deaths for 1921. And the tragic, yet hopeful, feature of the situation is that a large percentage of these deaths—a great deal more than half of them—were preventable.

Our problem in this generation, then, has become one of disseminating knowledge, of insisting on the observance of the simple yet vital rules of hygiene, and of providing adequate care of the expectant mother and of the mother who has already given birth to a child. If there were to develop a strong popular demand that these necessary conditions be met, we should soon discover that our Provincial Departments of Health could extend their activities so as to reach each most ignorant and helpless parent in our crowded cities, and each most remote and fearful mother in isolated rural districts.

What has been done already?

The Federal Department of Health at Ottawa has prepared a booklet for mothers, available to any parent who wishes information. It describes simply and briefly the important things which every expectant mother should do. It tells also how to care for a very young infant. A whole series of booklets for mothers and fathers is prepared for distribution in this department, for these publications have been sent to thousands of homes. But the provinces have a heavier responsibility in the matter of health. What are some of the plans they are following for the reduction of maternal deaths?

Some are increasing the numbers of their public health nurses. Others are establishing small hospitals in various localities where mothers may receive adequate care; Saskatchewan is training nursing housekeepers who will enter rural homes and take efficient charge of the whole family while the mother regains her strength. The Red Cross and the Victorian Order of Nurses are saving the life and health of many mothers annually. These are good beginnings.

But yea we are losing about five mothers out of every thousand who give birth to a child, and for no reason at all except that our mothers have not been taught to observe simple health rules, or they have not received proper care before, during and after delivery. The remedy lies in our own hands. It is to be found in a demand for increased appropriations for health work by provincial governments and a determination to keep on extending government and voluntary maternity welfare scheme until every family in Canada is within reach of proper help.

Norway has reduced her maternal mortality from 8 per 1,000 to 2.3 per 1,000. Canada can reduce her maternal mortality from 5 per 1,000 to 2 per 1,000 if Canadians insist on it.

Ignorance is supposed to be bliss, but it isn't even a good counterfeit.

Any man on pleasure bent is apt to find himself broke in due time.

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## Keep a Record Of Your Expenditures

Checking Up on Each Purchase Means Wise Spending

"I can't understand why I am always running behind in my personal financial affairs," a man who earns a handsome salary said to the writer sometime ago. When asked if he kept a record of his expenditures he replied that he was too busy to be bothered with such details. "Try the experiment for a month," suggested the writer, "and you will have the answer to your question."

The plan was tried. Every penny of expense was jotted down and at the end of the month the man found that he had spent about \$100 more than he had thought was his custom. That explained the reason why he was always in a quandry about his personal affairs.

When he was brought face to face with conditions he began to change his habits, and his situation improved in like proportion.

There are no doubt many such persons who constantly are running behind in personal money matters and cannot understand the reason.

The very first step toward improvement must be a daily record of expenditures. We daresay that the majority of those who begin this plan will soon be astonished at the amount of money they have been wasting.

Figures do not lie. You can't spend your money and not know it. If you want to spend constructively and save wisely you must eliminate the little wastes.

Above everything else you must know what you are doing. You cannot build yourself up on the shifting sands of ignorance and indifference.

It may seem a waste of time and effort to keep a strict record of every penny you spend, but it is the best method of getting on the right track in the management of your affairs.

Personal thrift, business efficiency, is a matter of method and system. It is founded on complete knowledge of one's transactions.—By S. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.

## Where Saltier Is Saltiest

Lake Van Co. Largest Percent. age Water

Lake Van, in Eastern Turkey, is said to possess the saltiest water in the world. It contains by actual test 33 per cent. of salt water to every 100 lbs. of water. The Dead Sea used to be considered the saltiest, but it comes a long way behind Lake Van, with only 24 lbs. of salt to the 100 lbs. of water. It is not difficult to account for the saltiness of the Dead Sea. There are large quantities of salt, and salty matters, generally in the volcanic rocks of the region, but even if this were not so, when a river empties into a lake with no outlet to the sea, as does the River Jordan into the Dead Sea, and which therefore loses its water by evaporation only, the water will gradually become very salty, since the remaining waters of such a lake contain more or less salt, while the water it loses by evaporation only, contains none.

## His Depression Justified

Young Man Did Not Relish Being Laughed At

He was a sentimental youth who had been suffering for some time with severe lovesickness. One morning he turned up at the office, looking the picture of abject misery.

"What's the matter?" asked his employer.

"I can hardly tell you," the boy replied unsteadily. "I—I have at last proposed—and have been turned down."

"Tut-tut," replied his employer cheerfully. "It will turn out all right in the end. A woman's 'no' often means yes."

"Perhaps it does," was the sorrowful reply, "but this woman didn't say no; she just laughed."—Sunbeams.

## Montreal Winter Carnival

It has been practically decided that Montreal's Winter Carnival will be held from January 19th to February 23rd, 1924. The programme arranged is, if anything, more elaborate than last year, and the committee is confident of having prepared a list of events which will keep Montreal to the fore as a centre of winter attractions on the continent.

## QUOTA IN AN HOUR



American fishing enthusiasts are very busy in the Nipigon district, and reports received should draw many more. The latest to hand tells of the remarkable catch of Mr. Otto Hans, of the Ann Arbor Press, Ann Arbor, Michigan, who recently landed the legal daily catch of ten pounds of brook trout in one hour and ten minutes, only three fish going to make up this total. This is a new time record for the district. Mr. Hans, with these three fish, is shown above.

Mr. Hans also had excellent luck at Lake of the Woods, where he landed in two days a catch of 25 bass and wall-eyed pike, the former weighing between 3½ and 4½ pounds, the latter 6 to 8 pounds each.

Many a woman imagines that all of her troubles are due to the fact that she is misunderstood.

## Taking Chances

Most of the Accidents at Level Crossings Said to be Avoidable

Investigations made by railway companies in the United States have shown that most of the accidents at level railway crossings of which motorists are the victims are avoidable. The Canadian Board of Railway Commissioners has come to a similar conclusion. An examination of thirty-eight cases of motor accidents at protected crossings, showed that all but one were due to carelessness. In twenty of the cases, the drivers did not heed the stop signals; six ran into lowered gates; four passed on the wrong side and the remainder ran into gates while these were being raised or lowered.

According to the board, these accidents are on the increase. Notwithstanding safety devices and cautionary signals, the board says, people take chances and disregard safety. Perhaps it is to some extent because of the development and multiplication of safety devices that people are inclined to take chances—people learn to trust too much to such devices and so become careless.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

## Just One

The young man approached the father of his sweetheart with the request to marry her.

"Can you support a family?" the old man asked.

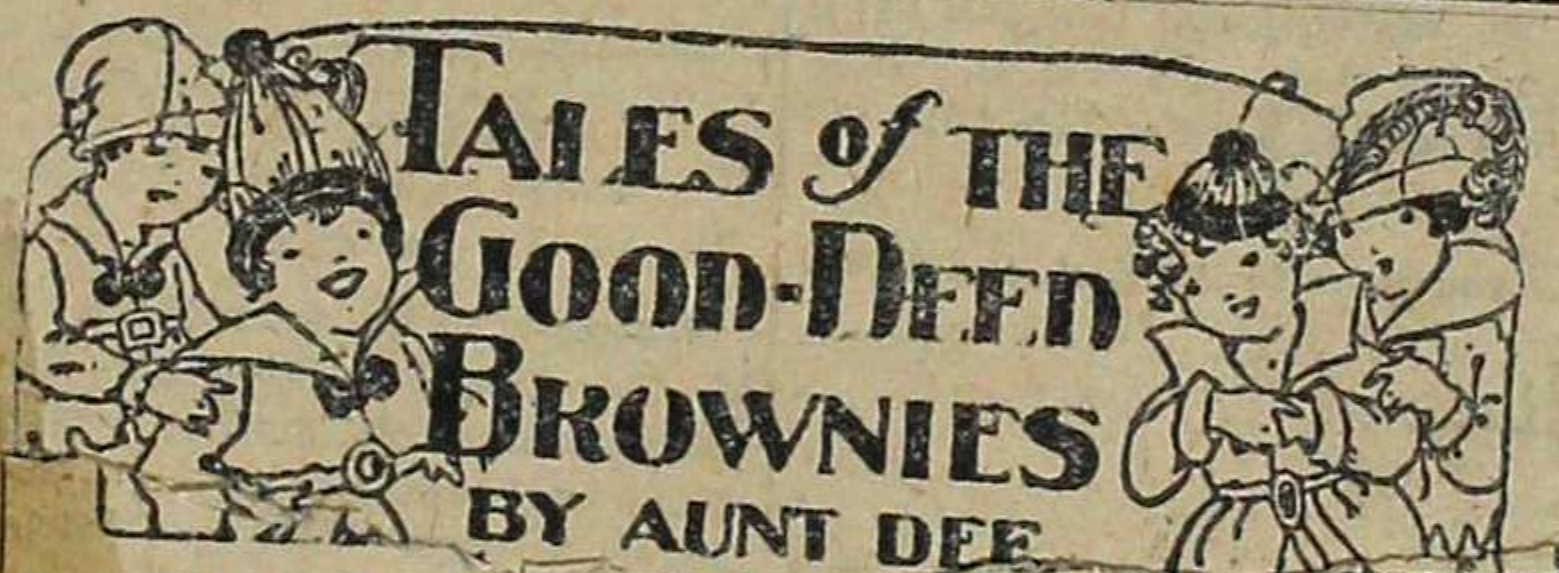
"Heavens!" the indignant suitor replied. "I only asked for the girl."—Judge.

"Why were you exceeding the speed limit?"

"Judge, I was taking a friend to the station."

"Guess I can't fine you then. We are told to speed the parting guest."—Judge.

Venus is in about the same state of development that the world was one hundred million to a thousand million years ago.



## Mr. White Rabbit Receives a Message.

After Herbert Handy had mended Mr. White Rabbit's radio machine and it was in perfect order once more, Mr. White Rabbit said:

"Thank you so much, Herbert. I knew you could fix it for me. I have always told Mrs. White Rabbit what a clever Brownie you are." Herbert was very grateful for Mr. White Rabbit's praise, but he was a modest little fellow, and it made him blush. Seeing this and fearing he had embarrassed Herbert, Mr. White Rabbit hastened to change the subject.

"And now, Herbert," he said, "I think I shall try out my machine. Some of my friends or relatives from the Bunnie Colony may want to get into touch with me. Or some may even be close by and I would like to talk to them. You see, we Rabbits all have these small machines which we carry around with us. I suppose you would say they are more or less magic ones. We are able to keep them tuned and if we are away from home and someone left in the colony sends out a message each of us who is away can catch that message. Now I am going to send out a message and see who answers."

"I am sure," said Herbert, "that our dear Queen Loveliness would enjoy hearing you do that, Mr. White Rabbit. Won't you take the machine over to the big field and let her listen to you?" Of course, Mr. White Rabbit was delighted to do this, and so a few moments later Mrs. White Rabbit, who was having a beautiful visit with Queen Loveliness under the big tree, saw her husband and Herbert coming towards them. Mr. White Rabbit was smiling broadly, and his wife exclaimed:

"My goodness me, Daddy! What makes you look so happy?"

"I'm happy, Mother, because Herbert has fixed my radio machine, and now I can get into touch with home," answered Mr. White Rabbit. His wife and the Queen were delighted that Herbert had done such splendid work

so quickly, and Mrs. White Rabbit thanked him again and again. Mr. White Rabbit in the meantime was setting up the machine, and after a few moments he called:

"All right there, folks, I have it all tuned. Now wait and see if I get any answer," and then in a loud voice he spoke into the mouthpiece. "Hello!" he said; but there was no reply. He tried again. "Hello! Hello!" Still silence. "Hello! Hello!"



Hello!" he tried, and this time a faint voice was heard in reply.

"Hello! Who is that?"

"Mr. White Rabbit," answered our friend.

"Oh, Uncle Timothy," called the voice. "I'm glad to hear from you. I'm up in the woods at the top of the East Hill. I can't leave, because there is a mean old hunter out with a gun waiting for me. I'm really so frightened. Can't you come and help me?"

## Dominion Premiers

### Review Fleet

See the Greatest Assemblage of Warships Since 1914

In the grey mists of early November the dominion premiers reviewed the Atlantic fleet. There was the greatest assemblage of warships off Spithead since the royal review of 1914; and as the fleet steamed out to sea the long line from the first submarine to the last battleship stretched nearly 15 miles. It is significant of naval developments, too, that not one of the vessels present at the 1914 review was there.

The dominions party, accompanied by Col. L. C. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, left London by special train for Portsmouth, where they embarked on the steamer Princess Margaret, a former Canadian Pacific Railway boat, which had been converted to a mine layer. The fleet was anchored off Spithead in seven lines. The Princess Margaret steamed down the lines and back. She passed the Queen Elizabeth, on which the German officers signed the surrender of their high seas fleet. She passed the battleships Barham, Warspite, Malaya and Valiant, all of which fought in the battle of Jutland. She steamed on past the huge battle cruisers, Hood and Repulse, which will soon begin their tour of the empire, past light cruisers, destroyers, submarines, warships and all types to that strangest looking of all, the aircraft carrier.

As the steamer, Margaret, slipped down the lines her wireless crackled with greeting from the premier of Canada to four young Canadian midshipmen, who began in the Canadian naval service and are now serving with the Resolution. One of the four is Premier King's nephew, Nelson Lay, of Barrie. Within a few minutes a message came back: "Canadian midshipmen aboard the Resolution very much appreciate kind message from Canada's premier." A little later also came a wireless greeting to Premier King from Lieut.-Commander Nelles, another Canadian, serving with the light cruiser, Caedon, to which Premier King replied with "cordial thanks."

## Easterners Reverence Age

No Young Person Can Hold

It is now commonly called, youth does not hold the reins. Youth is kept back from public position and age and maturity are treated with profound reverence and respect. Men and women are complimented upon their venerable and aged appearance rather than upon their youth and beauty. In nearly all eastern countries the laws of the land are made by the oldest people, and a young, ambitious man cannot be endured. It is only within a very few years that a man under sixty was considered of sufficient age to be capable of making laws or judging them. A change, however, seems to be coming gradually and youth will eventually assume the reins according to indications.

## Chinese Use Wheelbarrows

Freight and Passengers Are Transported Many Miles by Coolies

China is said to be awakening. If that be so, it must be just a preliminary yawn and stretch. A recently returned traveller says: Almost all the freight in Tsinanfu, a walled city of 300,000 inhabitants at the land end of the Shantung railway, in China, is moved in wheelbarrows. Some of the loads are thus conveyed distances of 15 to 20 miles a day. Wheelbarrows also handle passenger traffic. "My lady" frequently returns from her shopping tours with her bundles on one side and herself on the other. Half a dozen people may ride in front of a puffing and perspiring coolie. The wheel is in the centre of the barrow, which aids in balancing the load. If it is unusually heavy, another man or boy helps to pull by means of a rope or strap thrown across his shoulders. In a very few instances a mule is the assistant, but it requires a man to lead the mule.

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**What the Old Man Said**

AN OLD, OLD GENTLEMAN with a venerable white beard carrying a  
scythe and wearing a long white cassock sat down on a stone. It was but a  
few minutes before midnight December 31st. The old gentleman, whose name  
was Year 1923, seemed to be waiting for somebody. He was getting  
anxious. "I wonder where the young rascal is," he murmured. "I have  
something to say to him so important that—here he comes."

A lively little cherub named Year 1924 came running up laughing to the  
old man's side. Taking the youngster fondly by the shoulder the aged  
fellow said, "My boy, listen to me. I'm leaving you now for good. In five  
minutes I step out forever, and you take my place. It will be a man-sized job.

"Only one year ago, I began as young as you—full of hope,—enthusiasm  
—life. Look at me now. The people of this world are never satisfied, but  
don't let their grumbling worry you. If it's winter, they want you to move  
the months towards spring. In summer it's too hot or too dry. But these  
frailties are Human and must be contended with."

"Hope, my boy," he said, "is what sustains us all, and it is Hope that  
you must always keep with you. The best companion of Hope is Progress  
for "Progress" heartens and encourages "Hope." On the Rugged Road of  
Life never give way to Discouragement, nor to Hate, Dishonesty, or Greed.  
Fight to overcome these, as they Ruin Character and Cause Misery. No less  
destructive is Bitter Thoughts, who will just as surely ruin your happiness if  
not ousted. For the World to us is what we make it, and How WE LIVE  
IT IN OUR MINDS. Remember these things, my boy, and also Toleration  
Towards Others. You will meet many Things on the Road of Life but YOU  
DO YOUR OWN CHOOSING.

With these words the old man faced the youngster to the East, and slowly  
trotted away into the Darkness of Eternity.

**As We Enter Year 1924**

In turning another milestone on the road of time many of us must glance  
behind over our route of the past year. Those engaged in business will survey  
a period a "average" activity—neither depressing nor elating. A bank, gar-  
age and shoemaker have withdrawn from the local field, but a new butcher  
shop, shoe repair and grocery store have established here, and two other gro-  
ceries have fallen into progressive hands as well as a restaurant. The oil  
drilling company also re-commenced work and this paper established. At the  
present time every trade represented is in a comparative sound condition.

Farmers—all those producing foodstuffs—have traversed a depression,  
which to some was considerable. One or two have sold out their holdings, but  
many newcomers have taken their place, and the established farmer is not com-  
plaining. In the Sumas lake area some apprehension is being felt about the  
dyking charges, but this condition will eventually be adjusted. Wage earners  
and salaried people have had a fairly good year, there being no shut-downs  
or cessation of local industries.

The year has been marked with social, community and fraternal activities  
each body performing its necessary part in local affairs. All the fraternal and  
social organizations have enjoyed an increased membership during the past  
year, and have most satisfactorily expressed themselves in their different  
ways. The Board of Trade has done considerable work, the results of which,  
if not obvious are most useful and constructive just the same. Another or-  
ganization, and a vigorous one, has come into being in the Property Own-  
ers' Association, which will concern itself in matters outside the legitimate  
field of the Board of Trade. Incorporation of Abbotsford has been initiated  
by this body, and a start made at other civic improvements.

In contemplating the future, the people of this district can enter the  
Year 1924 with buoyant optimism. Prospects are better in every field of en-  
deavor. The town's largest payroll industry faces a brisk year, poultrymen  
have just obtained legislation tending to help their industry, berry growers  
are making more intelligent preparations for marketing their fruit this year,  
and dairymen have about broken the back of adverse conditions in the city mar-  
kets. There will be a short shut down both at the lumber mill and the brick  
works to enable repairs, but after next month work will be continuous. Muni-  
cipal improvements and increased cultivation of the Sumas area will also help  
conditions next year. In community business affairs the Board of Trade an-  
ticipates a busy time after the holidays as does the Property Owners Associa-  
tion. Incorporation, if effected, will be a big step ahead, even for those un-  
easy ones who are not thinking straight in their own interests. But far bet-  
ter than all of these things is the awakened spirit of Community Conscien-  
tiousness among our people—which augurs of real accomplishment in the year 1924

Murders are apparently committed in Williamson County, Illinois without  
protest. In raids made just before Christmas at resorts a group of de-  
puty sheriffs were found helplessly drunk. At one place raided it was said  
three murders had been committed in the last 10 days, in another, two mur-  
ders in three days, but in no case had anything been done about it. In the  
raids hundreds of shots were fired and several citizens injured. One defen-  
dant emptied 11 shots were fired and pistol into the raiding party. Ninety-  
seven arrests were made, 41 pistols seized and 56 places raided, with a long  
list for further attention.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Fox of Vancouver spent Xmas at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parton.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Collison of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. J. Stefan of Chilliwack were the guests of Mrs. H. Fraser over Xmas.

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P. Buchanan visited friends in Abbotsford over Xmas.

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J. Crossley and H. Walters spent Monday in Vancouver.

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Mr. E. A. Hunt will receive and forward watch and jewelry repairs for A. Wood, watchmaker and jeweler; 985 Granville St. Vancouver. (adv.)

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There will be a Watch Night service New Year's Eve in St. Matthew's church, commencing 11.45 p.m.

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The Christmas hymns and carols will be sung next Sunday night at St. Matthew's church and the choir will render Goss' Christmas anthem "The Wilderness."

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Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McGillivray held a family re-union at Huntingdon Christmas Day.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. Wilson visited friends in the city during the week.

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George Springgay motored to Cloverdale during the week.

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Mr. J. Copping of Wyatt Bay is spending a few days in Abbotsford.

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Robert Iverson of Seattle and Edith Apps of Sardis were married in A. McCallum's office on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Robertson, Presbyterian minister. The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen James Apps of Sardis. The young couple left immediately to honeymoon in Seattle.

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E. Leary has secured an appointment on the staff at the local customs office.

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The News man thanks the many subscribers for their kind letters of approval on the Christmas number. It is with regret however that we cannot supply the requests for extra copies as these were all exhausted shortly after the issue was published.

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Promising a concert of exceptional merit local Caledonians are making enthusiastic preparations for their annual New Year presentation. A well balanced program has been prepared following which a Scottish dance will be held.

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An effort to organize a local representation of the Provincial Party of B. C. will be made at a meeting called in the Bank of Montreal for Wednesday next, January 3.

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Mr. N. Hill Christmased in Abbotsford with his family. He is much improved in health and expects to shortly resume his duties in the Royal Bank.

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Next meeting of the M. S. A. Hospital W. A. will be held on Wednesday, January 16th.

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Secretaries and councillors of the local municipalities are busy just now preparing for the annual elections.

Voter's lists have been posted and nomination notices published, and the financial statements are in course of preparation.

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The Clayburn company is busy upon pipe and other building material orders placed by Japanese concerns affected by the earthquake.

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7.30 p.m. Subject "Old Year Traditions"

Little or no snow on the prairies and geese reported flying north again. Father winter seems to have got lost.

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## Democracy On Trial

Honesty in Politics is One of the First Essentials

(Dr. J. G. Shearer)

A former article emphasized the necessity for a high standard in mind and morals on the part of the citizens generally. If democracy is to prove in practise an efficient form of government.

One of the points at which democracy is tested and in consequent danger is at the ballot box. The secret ballot is a safeguard of honesty and freedom in this expression of political manhood and womanhood. It makes possible an honest vote. It is not sufficient to guarantee it. There are sinister influences at work. One of these is the purchasing of votes. The effort undoubtedly is too frequently made in keen party contests. In many cases it is successful. An honored member of the House of Commons is authority for the statement in my possession—a signed statement—that in his constituency, a rural one in Eastern Canada, 70 per cent. of the electors were open to receive whiskey or money or both, and 50 per cent. importune candidates or workers for money or liquor or both. There are cases on public record where professing Christian men were the agents for distribution of corrupt funds and liquor. It would seem that many men who are honest in business have no conception of honesty in politics. The president of one of the universities tells that when he went to vote in a certain general election he met an official of a rural church of the denomination to which he belonged and in conversation was informed that this man had two sons voting for the first time at this election and that he, the father, had thought well to give them advice about their duty in the exercise of their new power of manhood, and had said, "boys take all the money the Tories will give you and take all the money the Grits will give you—but, vote your conscience!" What did this man mean by "voting your conscience?" Simply "Vote your party ticket."

But aside from cases of rigid party electors who will take money but not sell their votes the party system lends itself to the buying of seats in parliament, legislature or municipal council. In each 1,000 electors in a close constituency there may be 400 of one party, 400 of the other, 100 independents and 100 purchasable voters. The keen election leaders will concentrate on the 200, half of whom can be bought, and the other half must be persuaded. A purchasable ten per cent. may decide an election in a large number of constituencies. Here lies a very strong temptation to unscrupulous candidates and party leaders. The history of practical politics in Canada provides all too clear and unsavory evidence that in a certain number of constituencies the temptation has been yielded to and the will of the people defeated. Democracy has in that case and to that extent failed.

Practical politicians not infrequently speak of politics as "the greatest game on earth." If it is merely a strenuous struggle between two teams for the victory—and glory—if not the spoils, there is practical certainty that the welfare of the people will be a secondary consideration if a consideration at all. Politics ought to be the "science of social welfare"; this only, this always. All else is secondary and comparatively unimportant.

The growth of a spirit of independence among electors and the consequent readiness to vote against the party of their preference is a hopeful sign of the times. The rugged independence of the electorate in Great Britain is well known. The average life of a government there is not above four or five years. And the life of governments in Canada would seem to be growing shorter. Insofar as it indicates a development of the spirit of independence in politics it could seem to be in the interests of the whole people and to make for successful democracy.

One of the greatest needs is a large number of men and women of real ability offering themselves as representative. To such men and women it means real sacrifice of self-interest but it means also the spirit of service in politics. Service ought to be a universal ideal not in politics alone but in commerce, industry, the

professions—indeed in every sphere of life.

One thing that would lead more worth-while men and women to offer themselves for service in politics is the elimination of slanderous abuse from platform and press in political campaigning which in the past has been, and in the present is, altogether too common.

It would be highly amusing were it not so serious to read the purely party organs and to hear some leaders' speeches in a heated contest. It is simply wholesale unblushing misrepresentation and slander!

### Rebuilding Regent Street

Will Be Finest in World Says London Agent

The bold prophecy that within five years' time Regent Street will be the finest business thoroughfare in the world, not only from a business standpoint, but from the architectural point of view as well, has just been made by a well-known London real estate agent. Certainly money is being spent "like water" in rebuilding the famous street. Its appearance is being completely changed. Buildings are being made higher, shopfronts more imposing. There is scarcely a building that has not lately been, or is just about to be, in the hands of the builders. For one shop, with a frontage of only 37 feet the rent, we learn on the authority of the estate agent in question, is to be £5,000 a year, another building in the same street has a ground rent of £25,000, and the purchase price of the building lease will be something like £500,000.

What is the history of this famous street? It was built to the design of John Nash and takes its name from the Prince Regent, afterwards George IV. "The portion known as the Quadrant (says Augustus J. C. Hare, in his "Walks in London") originally had colonnades advancing the whole width of the pavement; these were removed in 1848, to the great injury of the effect."

### Cross Highest Passes of Rockies

Nine Men and Eight Women Complete Spectacular Feat

Having completed one of the most spectacular crossings of the Rockies, occupying 26 days, an expedition organized by the Apalacian Mountain Club of the United States have arrived at Jasper Park. The expedition headed by Dean Peabody, of Boston, left this point journeying with a pack train of six horse-drawn sledges across the highest passes of the Rockies, through 250 miles of mountain territory seldom traversed and never before any expedition of this kind. There are nine men and eight women in the expedition.

### Settlements at World's Ends

Tasiusak, in Greenland, is the most northerly settlement in the world, and is over 1,000 miles from the North Pole. Probably the most southerly settlement is the whaling station where Shackleton lies buried in South Georgia.

Two bone harpoons, found under peat in East Yorkshire, Eng., are stated to date back from 10,000 to 12,000 B.C.

### A Youthful Sport Costume



This snappy costume consists of a beautiful Mandarin coat of white silk, with a pleated skirt of white Canton crepe. A soft black and white loosely woven woolen fabric fashions, the hat and scarf, and the oxford, also of black and white, finish off the outfit very effectively.

### Birds Have to Be Taught to Sing

Need Instruction Just As Child Is Taught to Speak

Describing the singing lesson of a yellow-hammer, a well-known naturalist says: "One bird, the pupil, with a slightly weaker and less decided song, was answering another which sang in a clearer and more finished style."

"There was no mistaking the fact that the first song came from the more accomplished singer, and it was hard to resist the conviction that the other was an imitation. Several times the instructor gave the complete song, 'A very, very little bit of bread and no cheese,' and the pupil replied also with every note."

"Three times in succession the teacher gave the song without the final note, and the pupil duly replied with a song one note short."

"It is quite clear that the song of a bird is no more innate than language is in man."

### Able to Walk

Man.—"Is New York the next stop?"

Porter.—"Yes, sah; brush you off, sah?"

Man.—"No, I'll get off myself."

### King Well Versed On Naval Matters

Could Take Active Command of Battleship or Cruiser

The King was at his "best best"—no other word will fit the occasion—and those of us who have the honor of his acquaintance know well what that means—when he dined with Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty at Mall House. Before all else, the King is a sailor, and his deep regret at having to abandon his active naval career when he became Heir-Apparent is now not adequately remembered. He has never lost his passion for the senior service, and there is no innovation, no new development, either in engineering or gunnery, in connection with his ships with which he does not make himself thoroughly conversant. Tomorrow our Monarch could take active command of any battleship or cruiser and do himself full credit in the exacting position. So this dinner to which nearly fifty officers and officials were invited, was absolutely to his taste. He talked nothing but "shop" the whole evening, putting clever expert questions and revelling in the "salt atmosphere"; whilst he related two or three personal reminiscences with excellent point.

### Unmilitary and Ridiculous

Officers of Grenadier Guards Reproved For Using Umbrellas While Fighting

It is an extraordinary fact that British soldiers once fought under umbrellas.

During the action of 1813 the Grenadier Guards occupied a redoubt on the right side of the high road. The Duke of Wellington, passing with some of his staff, looking round, saw to his surprise a great many umbrellas with which the officers were protecting themselves from the falling rain. He sent, Lord Hill with the message "Lord Wellington does not approve of umbrellas during the enemy's firing."

Later on he issued the order, "The Guards may in uniform, when on duty at St. James', carry them if they please, but on the field it is not only ridiculous but unmilitary."

### An Interesting Inscription

The following interesting and ingenious inscription is alleged to have been found some years ago in Devon, England, inscribed in a curiously shaped stone of black basalt. It naturally aroused quite a bit of interest amongst antiquaries.

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### Many Uses For Peach Pits

Peach pits used to be considered worthless. However, during the world war, the United States used every peach pit it could get as part of the composition put in the canisters of gas masks to absorb the poisonous fumes from the air. Now enterprising firms are using peach pits for fuel and as a high-grade poultry and stock food.

## "YOUR TEETH"

PREPAREDNESS

By Rea Proctor McGee, M.D.,  
D.D.S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Only a fool would want another war. The greatest tragedy of war is that war kills the wrong people.

When the day does come, though, we must have the vigor and energy to do our part. No less must we have the energy and vigor to do our part in times of peace. Peace is a war of commercial competition for the markets of the world.

If we are to do our part, every citizen must be able to do his share of the work, no matter what that share may be. We must have nourishment. How can anyone be properly nourished on soup?

Whenever you lose your power to masticate you become a "souper." The earlier you lose the power to masticate your food, the sooner your physical and mental development will stop. With all of our high ideals, all of our advancement, all of our science, we still face the stern necessity of eating three meals each day.

All of the millions of people in this world must think first of their food supply. We are anchored to the kitchen.

Why not get the fullest benefit of our food? Take care of your children's teeth and of your own teeth so that the vitamins that hold the secret power of nourishment may be extracted from the food and do their full duty.

In the last analysis, a war is just a fight between two sets of people; one set wished to take the other's food away from them.

When we neglect our teeth we bring down on our own heads the penalty a victorious enemy would inflict; we deprive ourselves of the full benefit of our food.

### Diversified Farming

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"All farmers are not qualified by temperament, abilities and experience successfully to conduct a diversified farming business. There are many one-crop farmers, because they are the sons of one-crop farmers who have lived all their lives in specialized crop zones. It is difficult for middle-aged or elderly men to change their cropping habits. Existing conditions require the modification of old habits, and the adoption of new methods. These changes are sure to be accompanied by protests."—The Breeders' Gazette.

### Will Investigate Milling Industry

Sir William Nicholls, governing director of Shillers Milling and Associated Industries, a \$35,000,000 concern, has sailed from Southampton for a tour of Canada. He will investigate the growing and handling of wheat, and will look into the flour milling industry in Western Canada, also the shipping facilities which exist for wheat and flour via Vancouver. If prospects prove favorable, it is declared, his company will invest large sums of money in the flour milling industry of Western Canada.

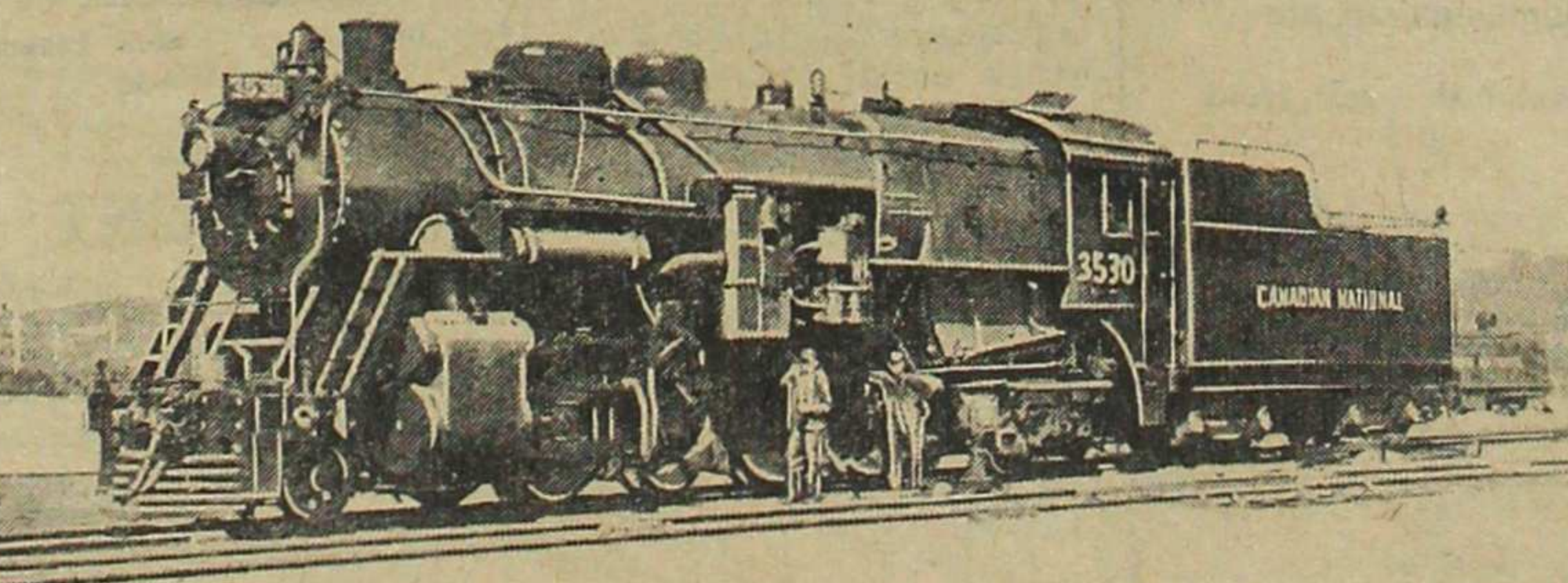
### No Damage Done

After much excitement the Smiths had at last managed to catch the train. Now, when they could sit quietly for a while, they began to wonder if they had left anything behind.

Mrs. Smith gave a shriek. "Oh, Harry," she gasped, "I forgot to turn off the electric iron!" "Don't worry, darling," he replied, "nothing will burn. I forgot to turn off the shower bath."—Exchange.

A twin grand piano resembling two instruments set end to end and with two keyboards and an enlarged sounding board has been invented in Germany.

## HUGE LOCOMOTIVES OF THE MIKADO TYPE ARRIVE FOR FALL GRAIN RUSH ON C.N.R.



New locomotives of the Mikado type for the movement of the 1923 grain crop over the Canadian National Railways have begun to reach the West. The new locomotives, which were built at Montreal, are of the latest type with all new improvements. They are 73 feet in length and weigh approximately 450,000 pounds with a drawbar pull equal to 5,500 tons. The engines, which are for freight use, are equipped with automatic stokers, Westinghouse air brakes and air reverse and have the new type of Worthington feeder, water heater and pump. One of the changes in the new engine is the cab design, all mountings being installed in a box outside of the cab instead of inside the cab as in former types.

Twenty-three of the new engines are coming West for the Manitoba division in time for the beginning of the grain movement and 22 are coming for the Saskatchewan division. An idea of the size of the new engines may be gathered from the fact that before starting out on a run they require 12 tons of coal and 8,300 gallons of water to complete their tender supplies. The new engines are all equipped with the Booster truck and ten of those to be delivered later will have Booster engines installed. These provide practically additional motive power on the tender and are of great value in starting heavy trains. The engines are being placed in service as quickly as they reach the Western divisions.



## Don't Neglect Your Batteries

At this time of the year.

In cold, damp weather the battery should receive regular and prompt care, especially if it needs repairs for it quickly becomes permeated with moisture causing short-circuits etc., or corrosion and quick deterioration of the plates results. We are experts at this branch of the work and offer you skilled services at a minimum cost.

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The B. and K. Milling company has brought a carload of oilcake meal into Abbotsford, which is being sold at a discount. Those requiring any will be advised to get in on this, as it constitutes the only car scheduled for the winter.

The lower parcel rate, and insurance on parcels have combined to make more work for the local office, the former probably accounting for parcels on the average being heavier this year than last.

W. Groat and J. Johnson returned to their respective home for Christmas after a few weeks hard work on the mining claim. They report everything as going fine.

Mrs. Fishlock and son are suffering from an attack of quinsy.

Watch for important announcements in the Pioneer Storespace commencing with next week. (adv)

Four inches of snow at Westminster this morning and six inches at Vancouver.

## YOUR NEW YEAR'S CALL

The gracious custom of calling on New Year's day has not entirely gone out of style. It is one relic left us of a time when the amenities of life were more carefully observed than now and hospitality a grace deemed worthy of intensive cultivation. So then, lay out your calls and start 1924 in the spirit of neighborliness and the good old days "When Knighthood was in Flower."

Put first on your list your aged friends and acquaintances, since we forget and neglect the aged with pathetic disregard of their sensitiveness and their loneliness. The line of least resistance with many of us is to avoid contact with querulous old age wherever possible, and this is particularly true during the holiday season. Few children are forgotten at Christmas, but many elderly persons are left to reflect bitterly on the thoughtlessness of youth and the fate of the superannuated through whose veins the blood courses thin and slow.

So put on your best bib and tucker and take your cane if you wear one, and, armed with, say, half a dozen red roses, make as many calls on the "shut in" and the veterans who sit in the deepening twilight musing on the days that are no more. Stay long enough to crack your best joke, and, since "one touch of rheumatism makes the whole world kin," do not forget to ask after Aunt Mary's sciatica and Uncle John's lame arm. Make it a happy, cheery kind of call—present your gift and go your way, and our word for it, you will begin the New Year with every flag flying.

## Jackie Coogan Coming In Trouble

If Jackie Coogan had not elected to become a screen actor, he might have been a great baseball star, because he is a natural born hurler.

In "Trouble" his new First National picture, in which he will be seen at the Abbotsford Theatre on Saturday, December 29th and at the Matsqui hall on Friday December 28th, Jackie displays his pitching ability by throwing everything but the kitchen stove at Wallace Beery—and he probably would have hurled that also, if it hadn't been nailed to the floor.

The story of the play shows Jackie as the adopted son of a plumber and his wife a lot. It is during sport that Jackie comes to the rescue of his foster mother and, when he breaks his baby teeth biting on the leg of the huge Beery, he resorts to missiles and lets go dishes, pots pans and various other tit-bits meant to divert the attention of the wife beater. Jackie hits the target in every case, but he shows superb control later, when he crowns Beery with a flower pot just as that estimable gent is about to crush in a policeman's skull with a chair.

Youngsters ambitious to become pitchers can learn a lot from Jackie's style of delivery.

Dr. Quinn has recovered from his recent sickness and will be back in his dentist office shortly.

J. Gillen and his sister Agnes are home for the holidays.

## Election Notice

### Municipality of Sumas

NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of Sumas B. C., that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Whatcom Road, B. C., on

**MONDAY, the 14th day of January**

at 12 o'clock (noon) for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors; also School Trustees and Commissioners of Police.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed to by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder and shall be delivered together with the Statutory Declaration, to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination. The said writing may be in the form numbered 5 in the schedule of this Act and shall state the name, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed in such manner as sufficient to identify such candidate; and in the event of a Poll being necessary such Poll will be opened on **Saturday, the 19th day of January, 1924** in the

Municipal Hall, Whatcom Road, B.C. From 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 o'clock p.m., of which all persons are hereby requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as and to hold the office of REEVE of any district municipality, shall, save as otherwise provided in the "Municipal Elections Act," be such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years who have been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination and are registered in the Land Registry Office as owners of land or land and improvements within the Municipality of the value, as assessed on the last assessment roll, of five hundred dollars or more over, and above all registered judgements and charges, or who are holders of land within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldiers' Land Act," or the "Better Housing Act," or the "Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917" of the Dominion, or the "Soldiers' Settlement Act 1919" of the Dominion, and have paid the sum of five hundred dollars or more upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement to purchase.

The persons qualified to be nominated and elected as and to hold the office of COUNCILLORS of any district municipality, shall, save as otherwise provided in the "Municipal Elections Act," be such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years who have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination and are registered in the Land Registry Office as owners of land or land and improvements within the Municipality of the value as assessed on the last assessment roll, of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars or more, over and above all registered judgements and charges, and such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years and are homesteaders, lessees from the Crown, or pre-emptors who have resided within the Municipality for the period of one year immediately preceding the day of nomination, and are assessed in respect of land and improvements within the Municipality of the value, according to the last assessment roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above all registered judgements and charges, and such as are British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years who are holders of lands within the Municipality acquired by them by agreement to purchase under the "Soldiers' Land Act," or the "Better Housing Act," or the "Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917" of the Dominion, or the "Soldiers' Settlement Act 1919" of the Dominion and have paid the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars or more upon the principal of the purchase price under such agreement to purchase.

The qualifications for a SCHOOL TRUSTEE shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the District, and having been for three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value in the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars or more, over and above any registered judgement or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for Five Hundred Dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgement or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land of which he was homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for Five Hundred Dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial assessment roll over and above any registered judgement or charge, and being otherwise qualified by the Public Schools Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District.

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#### ASSETS

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Deposit with Central Gold Reserve	17,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	14,259,744.89
Call and Short loans on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	129,984,917.90
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	63,185,030.88
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	2,328,051.22
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	37,601,758.88
Notes and cheques of other Banks	44,911,059.10
United States and other foreign currencies	361,593.00
Loans and Discounts and other Assets	281,888,581.74
Bank Premises	9,800,000.00
Liabilities to customers under letters of credit (as per contra)	9,471,690.01
	<b>\$692,382,109.42</b>

#### LIABILITIES TO PUBLIC

Notes in circulation	\$ 41,602,735.50
Deposits	583,391,196.23
Letters of credit outstanding	9,471,690.01
Other liabilities	1,384,628.14
	<b>\$635,850,249.88</b>

Excess of Assets over Liabilities to public **\$56,531,859.54**

Branches Established at the Following Points in the District:  
New Westminster, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Port Haney, Mission City, Agassiz.

Storekeepers around the district report a very heavy business over Christmas, the general contention being that it exceeded previous years by twenty or thirty per cent. Much of it was a last-minute rush on Monday, the mill payday falling on Saturday releasing plenty of funds which were quickly put into circulation in local channels.

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The weather keeping mild and Christmas mazy helped along the festive spirit and made shopping convenient. Give even stores all carried big and well assorted stocks which were considerably depleted before closing time Christmas Eve.

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a Happy New  
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## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS



## CAPITAL OF ICELAND IS BECOMING MODERN

Great Changes Have Taken Place in Recent Years

Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, is looking up, falling into step with the modern world. The city fathers are about to pipe the waters of the geysers into town, to heat the buildings, to supply the laundries and for hygienic purposes, as these volcanic springs are sulphurous and radio-active. When Lord Bryce visited Iceland in 1872 Reykjavik was a forlorn place, with a population of 1,800 and the most primitive of accommodations. It did, indeed, have one policeman, but he seemed to be superfluous, there being no criminals to apprehend and only two lawyers to stir up litigation. However, by 1900 Reykjavik was becoming metropolitan in a sense, according to the universal Karl Baedeker. It then had 10,300 people and two hotels, the island and the Reykjavik—"no spirituous liquors at the former." Also two bookshops, photographic studios and shops retelling jewels and antiques. There was at least one handsome street, Austurtroeti.

The boom at Reykjavik set in when Denmark granted the country self-government. Dr. John Stefansson, writing about the island in 1902, said that the revenue was six times as large as it was in 1874, that there was no debt, and a surplus of 1,000,000 crowns. More money had been expended on the roads since that year "than in all the centuries before." In 1874 the old Parliament was re-established. Now Reykjavik is to have natural hot water on tap. It will not be necessary for the women to go a mile from town to do their washing at the public laundries, where the water boils up through the lava. Reykjavik has long had telegraphic connection with Denmark and Great Britain. Of course it has radio today and moving pictures. It still lacks modern hotel accommodations, but if the city fathers persevere in their purpose hot water will never fail the tourist in the three months of summer (mean temperature 53 degrees Fahrenheit). The chill of the hotels and pensions can be driven away by the janitor who will lay on the stream from the neighboring spring. If Iceland is the "Land of Fire," it is cold at night even in high summer.

Dr. Jon Stefansson's enthusiasm about the country is tremendous. A temperate climate, an atmosphere as clear as Italy's: "No country on earth of equal size contains so varied and wonderful natural phenomena," the glaciers of Switzerland, the fjords, salmon rivers and midnight sun of Norway, the mineral springs of Germany, the geysers of New Zealand, the largest waterfall next to Niagara, the Detfloss. The healthiest of all countries, says he, and the cheapest. On £30 a year a good old clergyman lived to be 113. An educated, genial people, in whom the artistic spirit is developed to the highest degree. Reykjavik would be a magnet to tourists if it only had the modern conveniences. And now the geysers are to be harnessed for hostilities and homes. With a press agent as buoyant as Dr. Stefansson, Iceland should soon be as full of summer visitors at Nantucket. From the New York Times.

### Pinnacles Monument

Spire-Like Rocks Form Awe-Inspiring Landmark in California

The name of the Pinnacles National Monument in California is derived from the spire-like rocks which form a landmark visible many miles in every direction. Many of the rocks are so precipitous that they cannot be scaled. A series of caves, opening one into the other, lie under each of the groups of rocks. There are several specimens of "balancing rocks," and the pinnacles, domes, caves and subterranean passages of the monument are awe-inspiring on close inspection.

### Increase in Revenue

The close of the first half of the present year sees an increase of approximately ten million dollars in the revenue of the Dominion of Canada, as compared with last year. For the six months of the present fiscal year which ended September 30 last, revenue totalled \$213,992,087. On September 30, 1922, the corresponding total was \$203,107,918. The increase amounted to \$9,884,169.

## Tubers Were Valuable

Disease-Resisting Potatoes Shown in Glass Case at London Show

Amid all the wealth of beautiful flowers and luxurious fruits displayed and seen by many thousands of visitors at the Royal Horticultural Society's autumn show in Holland Park, London, N.W., not even the rarest orchid or choicest rose was honored so much as a small basket of potatoes which was shown in a glass case.

The potatoes were a sample, about 28 lbs., of Messrs. Sutton's new disease-resisting tuber. Ben Cruachan, which won Lord Derby's gold medal for the last year's best potato certified immune from the dreaded wart disease. Messrs. Sutton made them the centrepiece of their exhibit of 200 dishes of their vegetables.

Visitors smiled to see them in a glass case, but it was pointed out that the tubers were far too valuable to incur the risk of one being slyly slipped from the basket, taken home, and propagated.

To raise a new potato of which one can be sure is a task of at least five years, and for every one thousand new varieties grown, about 999 are ultimately thrown away.

When the average man makes a mistake he tries to justify himself by referring to his good intentions.

Some people murder the truth, while others never get near enough to it to do it bodily harm.

## SOME GOOD RULES

Britisher Has Right Idea for Making Good in Canada

"If England only realized what chances lay before youth and enterprise in Canada," the Prince of Wales is reported to have exclaimed on his arrival home in Britain. And with the dispatch comes a letter written by a British harvester in Canada, telling of hard work, but good treatment at the hands of the western farmer. The latter laid down six cardinal rules for success, which are worth repeating:—

1. To get away from the cities.
  2. To show a willingness to work.
  3. Don't expect easy money.
  4. Adapt yourself to Canada.
  5. Forget the way you did things in the Old Country.
  6. Digest the Canadian point of view.
- Indeed, after all is said and done, the rules laid down by this British chap, who used to belong to the Air Force, are rules which would bring success anywhere.—St. Catharines Standard.

### Origin of Coal Oil

While coal is the carbonized product of an ancient vegetation, crude petroleum is believed to have had an animal origin. The conclusion that it has come from great deposits of fish, possibly destroyed by volcanic action, has been reached by Dr. J. M. Macfarlane, of the University of Pennsylvania, after 50 years of special study.

## Doctrines and Beliefs Of Ancient Egypt

Cairo Expedition Will Copy Hieroglyphics For University of Chicago

An attempt to discover the ancient doctrines and beliefs of the 4,000-year-old religion of Egypt will be made by the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, in sending an expedition to Cairo, Egypt, in December. The expedition will be led by Professor James Henry Breasted.

It is planned to make hand copies of the Egyptian hieroglyphics found inscribed on the inner surfaces of the sides and top of coffins. These texts contain the religious beliefs prevalent in Egypt at 2,000 B.C., according to Professor Breasted. No excavations will be made.

## Says Eskimos And Indians Same Race

Arctic Explorer Reached Conclusion Through Similarity of Music

The Norwegian Arctic explorer, Christian Leden, has returned from Greenland bringing back a remarkable ethnographic and zoological collection for the Peabody Museum in Brooklyn, New York.

Leden believes that he has conclusively proven that Eskimos and Indians are an identical race. He arrived at this conclusion through the similarity of music.

## WESTERN HORSES SHIPPED TO EASTERN CANADA

Horse More Than Holding His Own Against Tractors

So far as farm work is concerned the horse is more than holding his own against the encroachment of traction engines and motor-trucks. This opinion is held by officials of the Livestock Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, who made a study of the situation with special regard towards the materialization or otherwise of the prediction once made that the gasoline tractor was old Dobbin's death warrant.

Attention was drawn to the successful battle which the horse is waging against his mechanical opponent, the internal combustion engine, at a recent hearing before the Dominion Railway Commission when that body was asked to grant a twenty-five per cent. reduction in freight rates on horses.

Records dealing with horses show clearly that the three prairie provinces no longer look to Eastern Canada for their supply of horses but are in a position to turn the tables upon Ontario and Quebec. It is estimated that over five thousand horses were shipped to Eastern Canada from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta during the last year and there is every indication that the traffic will continue.

In explanation of this phenomenal change in conditions, livestock officials refer to figures showing the number of horses in the various provinces when the war occurred in comparison with the number at the present time. Before the war Ontario had 900,000 horses and at the present time there are less than 675,000; Quebec records a slight gain while the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia lost, though the decrease was slight in comparison to that experienced in Ontario. Very different was the situation which developed in the prairie provinces during the last few years. When the war began Alberta had 680,000 horses and this number has increased to over a million; Saskatchewan recorded an advance from 580,000 to 750,000 and Manitoba also showed a substantial gain.

A survey of the market during the war years shows that not more than 85,000 horses were taken from Canada for war purposes. Farmers at that time became greatly interested in the possibilities of the tractor and motor truck. Circumstances combined to discourage the breeding of horses until 1920 and 1921 when money was scarce and agriculturists turned again to what livestock officials believe is the cheaper agency—the horse.

### A Post-War Drama

German Cavalry Officer, Who Befriended Canadian Prisoners of War, Is Brought to Canada

Gratitude for sympathy and kindness extended to a number of Canadian soldiers while prisoners in a German prison camp by Sergeant-Major Willie Hatzemann, a Prussian cavalryman, has resulted in the German soldier being brought to Canada by those he saved from starvation.

Trooper Harry Deacon, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, has been the central figure in this little post-war drama. On receipt of a letter from Hatzemann last spring, in which he told of his straitened conditions, Deacon and others interested in the case came forward with money and sent it to the German cavalryman, enabling him to come to Canada.

"This chap is one of the cleanest, whitest men I ever met, and so far as the others who were in prison camp with me," said Trooper Deacon. "He was the friend of British soldiers at the time when friendship was needed. He asks only to be allowed to make a living under the wonderful prosperous conditions of this country compared to the ruin and chaos of his own."

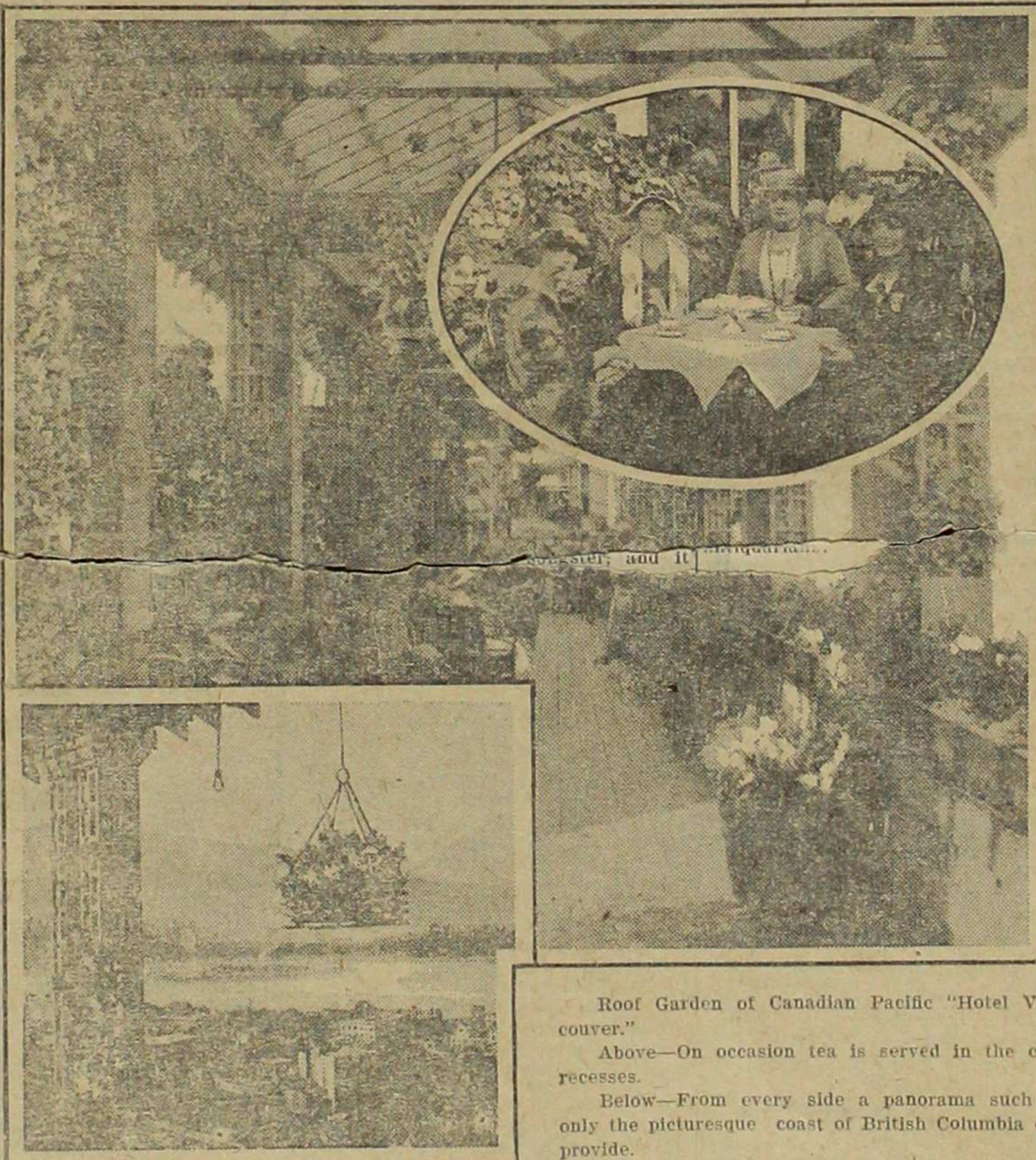
### A Match For the Volcano

An American happened to be in Sicily during the recent eruption of Etna. "You've nothing like that in America, have you?" said an Italian friend of his with obvious pride.

"No," replied the visitor, "we haven't, but we've got Niagara Falls, and they'd put that fizzing thing out in five minutes."

One of the rarest gems to Queen Mary's collection is a green diamond of marvellous beauty. It has never been set.

## Vancouver's Fourteenth Story Garden



Roof Garden of Canadian Pacific "Hotel Vancouver."

Above—On occasion tea is served in the cool recesses.

Below—From every side a panorama such as only the picturesque coast of British Columbia can provide.

Fourteen stories above the rushing traffic of Vancouver's busiest streets is a verdant sanctuary for the tired traveller and sightseer. The fresh salt breezes of the Pacific blowing in off the Straits of Georgia fan its clusters of chestnut, cedar and catalpa trees, and mingle with the fragrance of a hundred varieties of flowering plants. An oasis in the heart of the city's industries, shops and office buildings, is the roof garden of the Canadian Pacific Hotel Vancouver. An elevator carries you up swiftly from the noise and bustle of the lobby depositing you in the noiseless shade of this aerial retreat. From the stone parapets you can look down upon the living streets, with motor cars, street cars and hurrying pedestrians moving silently to and fro 150 feet below.

From every side a panorama such as only the picturesque coast of British Columbia can provide invites the eye to dwell on violet veiled mountains and sun-drenched water. Stanley Park, Vancouver's famous forest playground, reaches out its peninsular arms to the ships of all nations which come and go through the picturesque

Narrows. Beyond the harbor waters of Burrard Inlet behind the slopes of North Vancouver, three yawning canyons lure the hiker, the motorist and the angler. To the south the lovely homes of Shaughnessy Heights all but cut off a bird's eye view of the Fraser River Delta, and to the east and west the city's paved streets and shaded avenues spread out in geometrical precision. False Creek, Kitsilano Beach and English Bay contribute miles of waterfront and wide expanses of golden sandy beach. In the harbor a group of familiar yellow stacked steamships, Canadian Pacific coastal steamships, cluster round Pier D. A big Empress liner, also yellow funneled, is tied up at the Immigration dock and smaller craft, looking like busy beetles, move swiftly from pier to pier.

For twelve months in the year the flowers bloom on trellis, wall and pergola in the roof garden. Drooping wistaria combines with Boston and English Ivy. African marigolds flirt with the dainty French legion of honor, and pastel shaded petunias grow up through the variegated stripes of

slender ribbon grass. In spring the place is glorified with brilliant Scotch broom and the air is heavy with the fragrance of Japanese honeysuckle. The Dutchman's pipe holds up its Calabash-like bloom against its heavy flat leaves in striking contrast to the feathery blossoms of the mauve-tinted spirea. The graceful foliage of hanging baskets reaches down to meet the colorful offerings of dozens of huge flower pots which support geraniums, asparagus ferns, shiny-leaved castor-oil plants and golden feather sweet Alyssum. Zanzibar impatiens, commonly called "patience," healthy rubber plants, bright hued hydrangeas, begonias, nasturtiums, majenta, flowering privet, summer lilac, chrysanthemums and every variety of roses—all are to be found in this unexpected garden—tended year in and year out by Tom Dowsett.

On occasion tea is served in the cool recesses of the garden and in the evening, bathed in white moonlight or illuminated with the brilliance of multi-colored electric globes, it all becomes a fairyland, a place to "see visions and dream dreams."



## The Approaching End Of Single Crop Farming Is A Hopeful Sign In The West

The elimination of the "land miner" in the west is cited by a prominent banker as one of the brightest signs of the times. The man who mines his land instead of farming it is being replaced by the real farmer. As time goes on this process of elimination will bear fruit in sustained productivity of the soil and a prosperous and more contented rural population.

"Clean-ups" are still being made in wheat. A recent report from Alberta States that with low-priced farm lands and heavy yields of grain in that province this year, some farmers have been able to "accomplish wonders" in the way of financing their farms. As an instance: Certain parties acquired a farm near Consort in the fall of 1921, which they prepared for crop last year and sowed this year to wheat. The crop which they have just taken off has paid for itself and for the land in addition.

Such instances are unusual. Alberta had an exceptionally heavy wheat yield this season. She cannot depend upon having such yields year in and year out—and neither can Saskatchewan nor Manitoba. Consequently there is nothing in the experience of the few farmers in the west who have done "wonders" with wheat this year to improve the contention that in the long run straight wheat growing or one-crop farming of any sort is bound to be as bad for the farmer's bank book as it is for his soil. One-crop farming is "land-mining"; and "land-mining" means taking everything out of the soil and putting nothing back.

This sort of "farming" is nothing more or less than straight gambling. The only certain thing about it is that in the end it wears out the soil, which is the farmer's principal capital; cuts down production, and eventually leaves the farmer poor. Where one farmer pays for his land with a single wheat crop these days, a dozen farmers can't pay their taxes out of wheat. The longer men live and farm in this part of the country the more they have it impressed upon them that it is more profitable in the end to make a little money each year than to take a gambler's chance of making "big" every fourth or fifth year and having to

spend it all during the intervening lean years. An increasing number of them are consequently going in for dairying and diversified farming. They are listening to the advice of men who have made a study of farming the world over. They are also learning from the experience of older settled districts on the great plain of America, which were cursed with the land miner in their early days and have been forced in recent years to revert to balanced farming.

This is indeed one of the hopeful signs in the west today. The bank and the loan company are frequently looked upon by the farmer as his natural enemies. They are not only not his enemies; but in many ways they are among his most useful friends if he would but recognize the fact. Within the last few months there have been indications that in the future those who have money to loan to farmers will view with greater favor the applications of diversified, dirt farmers than those of land miners and one-crop gamblers. This attitude of the banks and loan companies, if persisted in, as it will undoubtedly be, will have the effect of benefitting both themselves and the farmers. The loans will be better secured; and the farmers will be protected against the inevitable consequences of gambling with nature. The country will benefit all around.

Some farmers will perhaps look upon the stand which has been indicated as a disagreeable form of benevolence. The wiser ones will accept it in the spirit in which it is intended. Wheat will probably remain for many years the principal crop in this province; but straight wheat farming is doomed. As the foundation for a system of intelligently balanced farming, wheat is a very valuable crop. As a whole system in itself, wheat is as risky as any other crop.—Regina Leader.

### Alberta's Municipal Hospitals

Success of System is Unique on American Continent

Significant comment on the success of the serviceability of the municipal hospitals system of Alberta, which is unique on the American continent, is contained in the October number of the "Modern Hospital," the organ of the American Hospital Association.

The comment is in the shape of an editorial note on an article written by Arthur K. Whiston, supervisor of hospital organization in Alberta. The article is based on an address delivered by Mr. Whiston at the annual session of the Alberta Hospital Association. The article is printed in full, with the following note by the editor:

"The public demands upon the municipal hospital are becoming more each year. The hospital as a semi-private institution where those who can afford its care in time of sickness has gone forever. Today, we are trying to make the hospital an institution open to everyone who needs the facilities it offers. The municipal hospital as a public utility presents a peculiar problem in that it may not become a burden. The municipal hospitals of Alberta have adjusted themselves to this difficulty through a plan by which the well pay for the hospital service of the sick through a tax for that purpose. This, together with the one dollar a day rate charged patients, finances the hospital. In this way the burden of maintaining the hospital is equally distributed among taxpayers.

### Interest In Annuities

Increasing interest throughout Canada in the Dominion Government annuities is indicated by a large increase in applications for this form of investment made during the last six months to the Dominion annuities branch of the Department of Labor. During the first six months of the present fiscal year, which starts on April 1, the amount of money invested has been over \$567,000, which is an increase of \$125,000 over the value of the annuities issued in the same period last year.

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### WESTERN EDITORS



Jno. A. Carswell, Editor and Proprietor of The News, Red Deer, Alberta.

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### Settlers From U.S.

Number Decreased During Year But More Money Brought In

Settlers to enter Canada from the United States in the western immigration division during October numbered 608, showing a decrease of 155 under the total for the same month of 1922, it was announced at offices of the Dominion Immigration Department. Though the number of new comers was smaller than in 1922, wealth brought into the country by the settlers exceeded that brought in last season. This year's figure was \$170,931 compared with \$140,269 last year, while the value of settlers' effects was \$43,111 compared with \$37,948. North Port proved the most popular port of entry for the month, it was learned, for 161 entrants were reported from there. Second came Emerson with 134.

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### Blotting Paper From Wood Pulp

New Departure in the Manufacture of Blotting Paper

As a result of investigations recently carried out by the Forest Products Laboratories of the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior, Canada, in their experimental paper mill, blotting paper with excellent absorptive qualities has been produced entirely from wood pulp. This is an entire departure in the manufacture of blotting paper, the best grades hitherto being made from rag pulp. An interesting feature of the new product is that it contains a large proportion of pulp made from a wood which, although plentiful, has found little employment in the pulp industry in Canada.

## Selecting The Best Varieties Of Wheat For Growing In The Prairie Provinces

The selection of the best varieties of wheat for growing in the Canadian west may be considered one of the most important questions with which the agriculturist has to deal. In years gone by Red Fife wheat was considered to be the best wheat for western conditions, when the wheat growing area was small. This old Red Fife was only suitable for southern districts in the prairie provinces, where it is still grown to a certain extent, and to districts where earliness was not an important factor. It was soon found, however, in the development of the Canadian west, that an early variety was necessary. The Experimental Farms ever since their inception have endeavored to introduce early, high-yielding varieties of good milling quality.

The most noteworthy introduction of the Dominion Experimental Farms, as far as wheat is concerned, is the variety Marquis which has become world famous in a very short time. In the year 1892, numerous crosses were made of our Canadian wheats from India and Russia, with the result that Marquis wheat was originated from one of these crosses, but it was not until 1903 that a pure line selection was obtained. From then on, Marquis has gradually gained the ascendancy over all other wheats in the west, until today about 80 per cent. of the wheat grown in Canada is Marquis. It is also worthy of note that 16 per cent. of the wheat grown in the United States of America is Marquis. One other wheat has in that country a higher percentage than Marquis and that is Turkey, a winter wheat that is grown in the majority of the states. Of the spring wheats, however, Marquis is the first in popularity and leads all spring wheats by about 8 per cent. of the total wheat area of the states. In 1919 some twelve million acres of Marquis wheat were grown in the United States.

The Experimental Farms, always keeping in mind their objective of an early, high-yielding wheat of good milling qualities, have been able to introduce other wheats of less commercial value but still of utmost importance for certain districts. Among these other wheats should be noted Ruby, Prelude and Huron. Ruby wheat is a wheat which ripens about 8 to 10 days earlier than Marquis and is therefore suitable in districts where Marquis, in the average year, is a little too late. Ruby, however, is not as high yielding or of as good milling quality as Marquis, and should, therefore, be grown only in districts where Marquis is not a sure crop. The Prelude wheat is an extremely early wheat, suitable only for districts where the season is very short. Prelude will ripen about 14 days earlier than Marquis, or 4 to 8 days earlier than Ruby.

The above wheats are most adapted to western conditions, but it has been found that they give excellent results under Eastern Canadian conditions, especially if grown on somewhat heavier soils. The Cereal Division, when considering its wheat work, has always kept in mind the requirements of the east as well as the west, with the result that Huron wheat was introduced for use in Eastern Canada on the lighter soils. Huron is a bearded wheat which gives good results on the sandy soils that are so frequently met with in Eastern Canada.

The introduction of the above wheats has financially meant a great deal to Canada. It has been computed by various persons that Marquis wheat alone has added to the wealth of Canada some \$20,000,000 per annum.

Apart from the financial aspect, the fact that 80 per cent. of the wheat produced in Canada is Marquis is in itself a sufficient assurance that Marquis has been of great benefit to the Dominion.

### Canadian Apples Winners

Four First Prizes Go to B.C. at Imperial Fruit Show

At the Imperial Fruit Show held recently in Manchester, England, four first prizes were awarded to British Columbia apple growers and two to Nova Scotia growers.

In the British Empire section, the first place for "any dessert variety" went to the Associated Growers of British Columbia. In the same section for any cooking variety, the first three prizes went to English exhibitors, while the fourth position went to the Associated Growers of British Columbia.

Three special prizes were won by the Associated Growers of British Columbia. The Associated Growers secured the Daily Overseas Mail gold cup (£50) for the exhibition in the overseas section; the Goodwins, Limited, silver cup (£15) for the best entry by any British Columbia co-operative organization; and the Poupart, Limited, prize of £10 in gold for the best British Columbia exhibit in the overseas section.

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The startled urchin looked up and said: "It makes everything in the garden lovely, teacher."

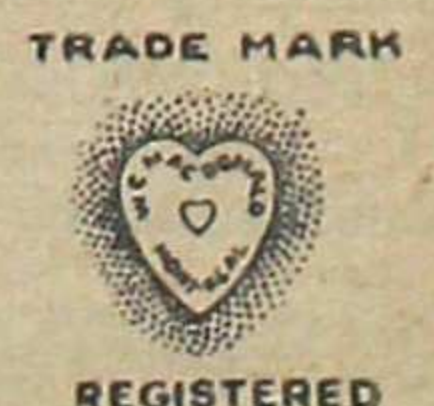
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The joys of anticipation were con-  
summated at school closing on Friday  
last.

The children, under the direction of  
their popular and efficient teacher Miss  
M. McInnes, rendered an excellent pro-  
gramme of choruses, recitations, songs  
and dialogues.

Santa Claus, whose local deputies had  
been working hard in preparation for  
his visit, arrived in due time, and per-  
sonally presented presents to every  
child in the community.

Mr. F. Cook presided over a crowded  
gathering which overflowed with that  
good humour which is characteristic of  
all Kilgard Community events.

After the children, tired and happy  
had retired the grownups indulged in  
dancing until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Guiver are visitors  
to Mr. and Mrs. Illsley over Xmas.

A fine congregation were present at  
the Community Xmas service on Sunday  
evening. Some real carols were sung  
with great zest and enjoyment.

The service was conducted by Mr. S.  
Good who announced a New Year's  
message for next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr are visiting  
their daughter Mrs. M. Golos.

The Sunday school will hold its New  
Year social next week, when prizes will  
be awarded scholars who have made a  
satisfactory attendance.

The infant son of W. Fadden, Sumas  
Prairie is still in a critical condition  
as a result of falling from a window.  
The little chap clambered on to a sew-  
ing machine in his home and tumbled  
through the window, jagged glass pen-  
etrating his body.

Jean McDermid Weir, infant daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weir, was  
baptized at the Manse on Christmas  
Day by the Rev. Mr. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbee returned  
from Vancouver on Wednesday.

Welcome illumination appreciated by  
pedestrians traversing Abbotsford's  
downtown streets after closing time  
are the fine lights above Sumner's butch-  
er shop and the post office. A public  
spirited example.

**Straight Talk From  
A Christmas Philosopher**

Editor News:—

You claim to be impartial and fair,  
so here's a letter on the "buy-at-home"  
subject—so religiously advocated by  
your bright little paper—which I put up  
to you to publish. As I deal with the  
matter from the buyers' standpoint, and  
not the advertisers' I will not be sur-  
prised if it is not printed, but it ex-  
plains the stand of many people buying  
away from Abbotsford.

In the first place is the price, and  
none will deny that there is a difference  
on many staples. But lots of people  
would not buy away from town merely  
on account of a small difference, be-  
cause the local merchants—most of  
them— help the community in many  
ways. But the bitter personal feelings  
of one or two of them have so permeated  
the social, commercial and even reli-  
gious life of the district that many  
shun their establishments on this ac-  
count alone. The weakest link in this  
"buy-at-home" subject is the inconsis-  
tent position of the people strongest in  
boosting it. "Gravy for the goose  
is also gravy for the gander" so why  
should farmers and wage-earners not  
follow the open example of the towns'  
business element in buying in other  
places what they can secure at home  
just as well.

If you in business don't support one  
another is it consistent to ask the pub-  
lic to be an exception? Need I mention  
tailoring, printing, gasoline, — even  
bread and staple necessities. Some of  
this is done covertly and some openly.  
In fact your position is ridiculous in  
swinging the cudgels for those who op-  
enly support outside interests without  
a cent of material interest in this town  
or district. From what I have heard  
your service and prices are not exhorbi-  
tant, any more than the other lines es-  
tablished in the town. But why is it?  
Personalities? I do not claim to be a  
business-man, but I know that person-  
alities should not come before good busi-  
ness principles. Let the throat-cutting  
cease anyway your own element and the  
buying public will be quick to appre-  
ciate and respond to an example that  
in the need is merely "on the square"  
to everybody concerned, but thousands  
of dollars yearly to Abbotsford.

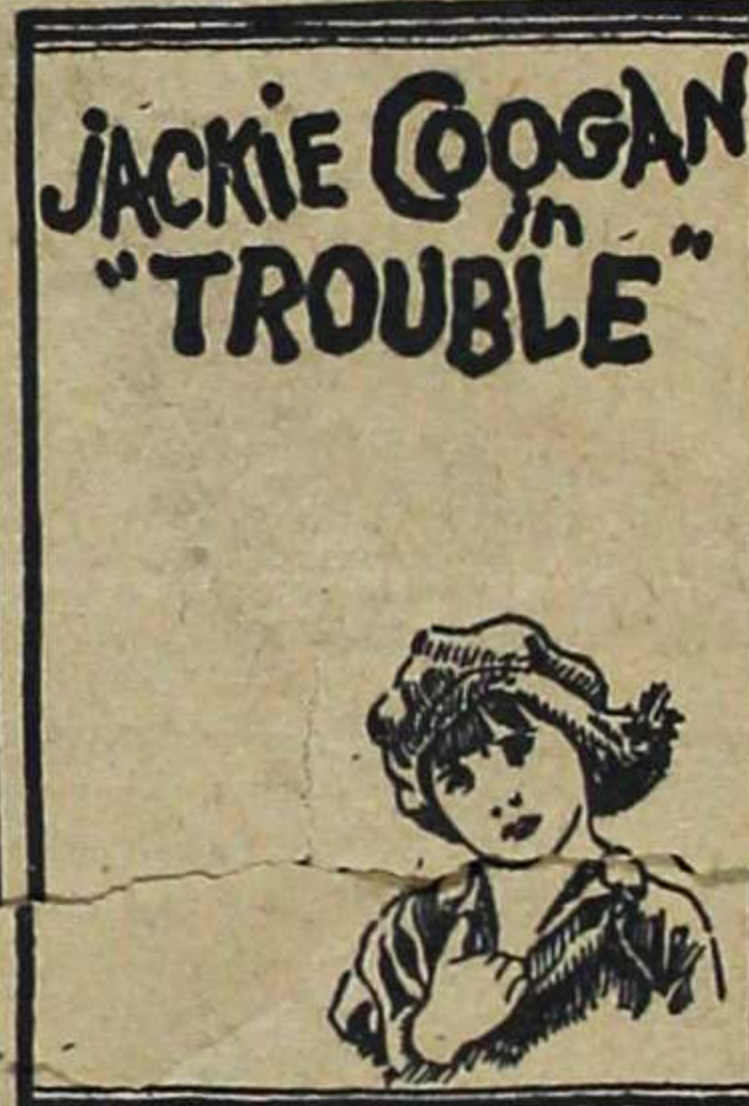
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